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INTRODUCTION

Chapter 1 Introduction

The Department received comments on the Draft EIR from approximately 50 persons and public agencies. The comments raised a variety of general and technical issues, primarily focusing on the following issues:

- * analysis of alternatives;
- * potential traffic and noise impacts;
- * potential water supply impacts;
- * potential air quality impacts;
- * potential impacts on the nearby railroad right-of-way;
- * potential cultural or historic resources impacts;
- * consistency with the El Dorado County General Plan;
- * the impacts of commercial development in the county generally;
- * tiering, incorporation and segmentation and the relationship of the interchange project with the hotel/casino project;
- * the relationship of this CEQA review and the NEPA review of both the interchange and hotel/casino projects;
- * the public meeting and comment process for the project and the EIR; and
- * the Tribe's need for the project, for commercial, residential and emergency access, as well as sovereignty and independence.

Comments were received in support of the project, and in opposition. The comments and the responses to those comments are set forth in the rest of this volume. The comments and the responses generally expand on, clarify, and confirm the various analyses and statements in the EIR. The comments and responses do not include information showing that the project will result in new or substantially more severe environmental impacts beyond those evaluated in the Draft EIR. The Department has responded to each of the comments received on the Draft EIR.